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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: WORK BEGINS ON METRO EXPANSION

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1. PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO BROKE GROUND SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1977 FOR A FOUR KILOMETER EXTENSION OF MEXICO CITY'S METRO. THREE NEW LINES TOTALLING THIRTY-SIX ADDITIONAL KILOMETERS (ELEVATED AND SUBTERRANEAN) WILL ALSO BE BUILT. A 600 MILLION PESO SHORT-TERM LOAN FROM MEXICAN PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT BANKS HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO COVER THE INITIAL START-UP EXPENSES PENDING THE ARRANGEMENT OF A 22 BILLION PESO LOAN ABROAD (FRANCE?).

2. COST PER KILOMETER IS ESTIMATED AT 550 MILLION PESOS, COMPARED TO 140 MILLION PESOS PER KILOMETER FOR THE EXISTING SYSTEM. THE COST OF THE 527 NEW CARS NEEDED FOR THE EXPANDED SYSTEM IS PLACED AT 6 MILLION PESOS PER UNIT FOR A TOTAL OF 3.162 BILLION PESOS. ELECTRICAL-MECHANICAL WORK WILL COST 5 BILLION PESOS AND REPORTEDLY WILL REQUIRE FRENCH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. INITIALLY 7 THOUSAND WORKERS WILL BE EMPLOYED. WHEN WORK IS FULLY UNDERWAY IT IS EXPECTED THAT 20,000 WORKERS WILL BE ON THE JOB. THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE METRO EXECUTIVE TECHNICAL

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